

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

GENEVA LANGWORTHY,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALTERNATIVE HUMANE  
SOCIETY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C20-1636JLR

ORDER REFERRING MOTION

Before the court is *pro se* Plaintiff Geneva Langworthy's motion to appoint counsel. (Mot. (Dkt. # 6).) Ms. Langworthy alleges that Defendant Alternative Humane Society refused to accommodate her disabilities and applied discriminatory eligibility criteria against her with respect to her requests to re-adopt her service dog or to adopt a different dog. (*See* Compl. (Dkt. # 5) at 7-9.) She further alleges that Defendant retaliated against her for attempting to assert her rights under the Americans with

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1 Disabilities Act. (*See id.*) Ms. Langworthy filed a motion for appointment of counsel.  
2 (*See Mot.*)

3 This District has implemented a plan for court-appointed representation of civil  
4 rights litigants. The plan currently in effect requires the court to assess a plaintiff's case  
5 before forwarding it to a pro bono screening committee for further review and a possible  
6 appointment of pro bono counsel. *See* General Order No. 10-05, Section 3(c) (Aug. 12,  
7 2010). The court assesses the plaintiff's case to determine that it is not frivolous and that  
8 the plaintiff is financially eligible. *Id.* Ms. Langworthy's submissions satisfy the court  
9 that there is an adequate basis to refer her case to the Screening Committee.

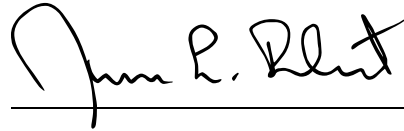
10 Under Section 3(c) of the District's pro bono plan, the court DIRECTS the Clerk  
11 of the Court to forward Ms. Langworthy's complaint (Dkt. # 5), the motion to appoint  
12 counsel (Dkt. # 6), and the pleadings and documents filed to date to the Screening  
13 Committee. *See* General Order No. 10-05, Section 3(c). The court ORDERS the  
14 Screening Committee to review the case and make a recommendation to the court in  
15 accordance with the pro bono plan and the rules for the pro bono panel on or before  
16 January 15, 2021. The Clerk shall RENOTE Ms. Langworthy's motion to appoint  
17 counsel (Dkt. # 6) for January 15, 2021, pending the Screening Committee's  
18 recommendation as to whether the court should appoint counsel. *See* General Order No.  
19 10-05, Section 3(f).

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1 Dated this 16th day of November, 2020.

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4 JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge